STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

SENATE BILL 848 By: Crutchfield

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-114, as last amended by Section 34, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-114), which relates to control and discipline of children; deleting dress code policy; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-114, as last amended by Section 34, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-114), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-114. A. Each district board of education shall adopt a policy for the control and discipline of all children attending public school in that district. Such policy shall provide options for the methods of control and discipline of the students and shall define standards of conduct to which students are expected to conform. In developing the policy, the district board of education shall make an effort to involve the teachers, parents, and students affected. The students, teachers, and parents or guardian of every child residing within a school district shall be notified by the district board of education of its adoption of the policy and shall receive a copy upon request. Provided, the teacher of a child attending a public school shall have the same right as a parent or guardian to control and discipline such child according to local policies during the time the child is in attendance or in transit to or from the school or any other school function authorized by the school district or classroom presided over by the teacher.

B. Except concerning students on individualized education plans (IEP) pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), P.L. No. 101-476, the State Board of Education shall not have authority to prescribe student disciplinary policies for school districts or to proscribe corporal punishment in the public schools. The State Board of Education shall not have authority to require school districts to file student disciplinary action reports more often than once each year and shall not use disciplinary action reports in determining a school district's or school site's eligibility for program assistance including competitive grants.

~~C. The board of education of each school district in this state may adopt a dress code to be incorporated as a part of the discipline policy of the school. Any rules concerning the dress code of a school adopted by the board of education shall have a reasonable connection with the education function entrusted to the board and shall not censure the political opinions of the students or unreasonably interfere with common clothing fads of students. However, nothing in this section shall prevent a school district from instituting a uniform dress code.~~

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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